

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,	)	
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,	)	
determinations, and/or approvals necessary for	)	Case No. U-18230
<b>ALPENA POWER COMPANY</b> to fully comply with	)	
Public Act 295 of 2008.	)	
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At the February 5, 2018 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman  
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner  
Hon. Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

**ORDER**

Public Act 295 of 2008 (Act 295), as amended by Public Act 342 of 2016, MCL 460.1001 *et seq.* (Act 342), requires all providers of electric service in the state to make certain renewable energy filings with the Commission. Section 22 of Act 295 directs the Commission to review each electric provider's renewable energy plan (REP) within one year after the effective date, April 20, 2017, of Act 342. In the March 28, 2017 order in Case No. U-15825 *et al.* (March 28 order), the Commission provided filing dates and assigned docket numbers for electric providers to file the required REPs. Pursuant to the March 28 order, Alpena Power Company (Alpena) is required to submit its REP by January 31, 2018.

On January 24, 2018, Alpena filed a motion for extension of time to file its 2018 REP. In its motion, Alpena explained that it is unable to meet the January 31, 2018 filing deadline due to the need to implement changes in its REP resulting from: (1) the November 21, 2017 order in

Case No. U-18324 (November 21 order) that granted Alpena general rate relief, including revised tariffs, revised depreciation rates, the deferral and amortization of costs of the rate proceedings, and other changes; and (2) the recent enactment of the new federal tax law, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). The company requested that its filing deadline be extended from January 31, 2018, to March 30, 2018. The Commission Staff did not file a response to the request for an extension, and no objections were filed.

The Commission recognizes the changes resulting from the November 21 order and that the new federal tax legislation will result in significant tax cuts for regulated utilities in the state, and that the law will potentially impact several areas of electric providers' operations, including REPs.<sup>1</sup> As such, the Commission finds that it is reasonable to grant Alpena's request for an extension.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Alpena Power Company's request to extend the deadline for filing its 2018 renewable energy plan to March 30, 2018, is granted.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> On December 27, 2017, the Commission issued an order in Case No. U-18494 directing the utilities to report on savings realized from the reduction in federal taxes resulting from the TCJA.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel. Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at [mpscedockets@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscedockets@michigan.gov) and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at [pungpl@michigan.gov](mailto:pungpl@michigan.gov). In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

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By its action of February 5, 2018.

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Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary